Appl. No. Amdt. dated December 22, 2005 Preliminary Amendment

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 are pending with entry of this amendment. Claims 3, 4, 5 and 8 are amended. Amendments to the claims are made merely to remove multiple dependencies. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the specification and the claims and drawings as originally filed. Support for the amendments to claims 3, 4, 5 and 8 may be found on page 5, line 21 through page 6, line 7 of the translation of the specification. No new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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